THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE V. ESWARAIAH

WRIT PETITION No.8262 OF 2007

DATED: 20-04-2007

BETWEEN

A. Rama Chandra Reddy,
S/o. A. Venkata Subba Reddy,
Occ: Sand Contractor,
R/o. Takkolu (V), Sidhout Mandal,
Kadapa District.

...PETITIONER

AND

The Assistant Director,
Mines and Geology,
Kadapa and others.

...RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was lessee in respect of Takkolu Gram Panchayat Sand Quarry Reach and the said lease expired by February 2006 and thereafter his lease was extended for a period of one year on enhancement of 10% lease amount from 09.04.2006 to 08.04.2007. He further submits that as per the present orders of the Government in G.O.Ms.No.24 dated 12.02.2007 the power of auctioning of sand leases were withdrawn from the Panchayat and Rural Development and they have been transferred to the Industries and Commerce Department. He further submits that the petitioner made a representation dated 29.03.2007 for extension of lease for a period of 60 days on enhancement of 10% proportionate lease amount before the District Panchayat Officer.

As the District Panchayat Officer has no power to consider the same it has

been forwarded to the Assistant Director, Mines and Geology, Kadapa vide proceedings of the third respondent in Ref.No.1006/A4/2006 dated 30.03.2007 to take appropriate action on the said application. He further submits that the application forwarded by the third respondent to the first respondent is still pending.

2. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the first respondent is directed to consider the application of the petitioner dated 29.03.2007, which was forwarded by the third respondent to the first respondent vide Ref.No.1006/A4/2006 dated 30.03.2007, and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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V. ESWARAIAH, J

April 20, 2007
Note: Furnish C.C. of the order by 21.04.2007
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